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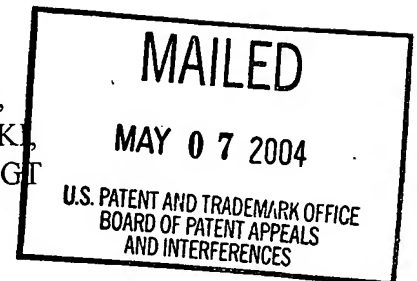
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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte ALEXANDER JAN CAREL DE VRIES,
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JOHN HOWARD TRIPP and PETER MARTIN LUGT

Application No. 10/080,714



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on April 13, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

Claims on appeal include claims 1, 2 and 4-6. Prior art relied upon for the rejection of claims on appeal include the Japanese Publication to Toru, Publication Number 04321816. An English translation of the Japanese Publication to Toru, Publication Number 04321816 is required.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner:

1) to provide an English translation of the Japanese Publication to Toru, Publication
Number 04321816; and

2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly
of any action affecting the status of the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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